

Denver School of Nursing

Consumer Information Guide Supplement

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COPIES OF APPROVALS

School accreditation, approvals, and membership certificates are displayed on campus. The Dean of Nursing Programs should be contacted to request copies or address questions regarding accreditation, licensure, or approvals. Students may also contact the agencies listed below for information regarding the school's accreditation and approvals.

- Denver School of Nursing has institutional accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, Virginia 22201, (703) 247-4212, (703) 247-4533 (fax), www.accsc.org.
- Denver School of Nursing is registered with State of Colorado, Department of Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1600, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 866-2723, (303) 866-4266 (fax), <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov>.
- Denver School of Nursing is approved by Colorado State Board of Nursing, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 894-2430, (303) 894-2821 (fax), <http://www.dora.state.co.us/NURSING/>.
- Denver School of Nursing programs are candidates for accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, 230 LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 263-0456, (312) 263-7432 (fax), www.ncahlc.org.

ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLANS

The campus maintains an academic improvement plan, which includes plans for new programs, changes to existing programs, facility improvements, and changes to academic policies. Students may contact the Campus Director for copies of the Academic Improvement Plan.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS

A grievance is a claim, a complaint or an expression of concern made by a student regarding any aspect of his or her educational experience including misapplication of campus policies, rules, regulations, and procedures, or unfair treatment, such as coercion, reprisal, or intimidation by an instructor or other campus employee. Students should initially discuss the grievance with their instructor or program director immediately.

An appeal is the escalation of the complaint to a next level authority. If the appeal is about an academic decision such as a grade, please see the academic appeals process.

A student has the right to appeal all matters with respect to:

- Disciplinary action taken for a violation of student conduct standards,
- Admissions decisions,
- Tuition and fees matters,
- Financial awards or policies including Satisfactory Academic progress, and

- Educational policies, procedures, and grading concerns.

Concerns about academic matters should first be addressed through the academic appeals process; concerns about non-academic matters should first be addressed directly with the head of the department or departments involved.

Certain decisions may not be appealed. If a student is terminated for failing to meet standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), including exceeding the maximum timeframe to complete the program, he/she is not entitled to appeal unless there is documented proof of mitigating circumstance such as a medical or disability condition that impacted his or her ability to study or participate in the program. The specific requirements for SAP appeals process are contained in the SAP policy.

A student wishing to escalate his or her complaint should follow the steps listed below:

1. The student should first communicate their concern to the faculty or staff member.
2. If the student does not feel that the issue has been properly addressed or resolved, the student may communicate the concern to the Dean of Nursing Education Programs or designee.
3. The student can take their issue to the appropriate committee (e.g., Scholastic Standards Committee, Conduct Standards Committee, etc.) to be heard. Students may interface with the Director of Student Services or the Coordinator of Student Evaluation and Advising for representation to the Committee.
4. Should the grievance remain unresolved, students will be advised to submit the matter in writing to the President of Denver School of Nursing within five (5) business days of the unsatisfactory meeting with the Dean. The School President will review the matter with all the parties concerned and may meet with the student. The President will respond to the grievance.
5. If the dispute has not been resolved or if the student is still unsatisfied with the response in Step 4, the student may take a fifth step and file the appeal to Regional Vice President of Education Affiliates. This appeal must also be in writing and must be received in the regional office within seven (7) calendar days of being notified of the DSN President's decision. The Regional Vice President will conduct his or her own investigation of the issue and will respond to the student within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the escalated complaint. All decisions will be provided in writing and delivered to the student in person if the student is on campus or to the student's mailing address of record with acknowledgement of receipt required.
6. If the dispute has not been resolved or if the student is still unsatisfied with the response in Step 5, the student may take a sixth step and file the appeal to Corporate Vice President (VP) of Education at Education Affiliates. This appeal must also be in writing and must be received in the Corporate Office within seven (7) calendar days of being notified of the Regional Vice President's decision. The Corporate VP of Education will conduct his or her own investigation of the issue and will respond to the student within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the escalated complaint. All decisions will be provided in writing and delivered to the student in person if the student is on campus or to the student's mailing address of record with acknowledgement of receipt required.
7. If the dispute remains unresolved after evaluation by the VP of Education of Education Affiliates, the student should address his or her concerns directing to the state licensing authority, the school's accrediting body, and/or the Better Business Bureau.

Students who reside out of state may contact any of the agencies listed below or contact the Campus Director for information about agencies in their local area.

The titles and addresses of the state licensing authorities are:

State of Colorado
 Department of Education
 Colorado Commission on Higher Education
 1560 Broadway, Suite 1600
 Denver, Colorado 80202
 (303) 866-2723
 (303) 866-4266 (fax)
<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov>

Colorado State Board of Nursing
 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350
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 (303) 894-2430
 (303) 894-2821 (fax)
<http://www.dora.state.co.us/NURSING/>

The title and address of the accrediting commission is:
The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)
2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302
Arlington, Virginia 22201
(703) 247-4212
(703) 247-4533 (fax)
www.accsc.org

If the student has been dismissed, the student will remain dismissed until the matter is resolved. If the matter is resolved in the student's favor the student will be reinstated at the next available course start date. If the student's eligibility for Financial Aid has been suspended, the student may remain in school during the Appeals process.

SCHOOL, PRIVATE, STATE, AND LOCAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Sources (where applicable) of state, local, and other private aid include state grants, scholarships, and agency funding, available from organizations such as those listed below. Note that these sources are separate from Federal student Financial Aid and private lending sources. Please consult the Financial Aid department or funding grantor for additional information.

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - WIA grants are applied for through workforce centers in each county in the metro Denver area. To apply through your local county, go to www.connectingcolorado.com.
- IASIS Healthcare - Interviews are conducted on the Denver School of Nursing campus by an IASIS representative throughout the year; each IASIS visit to DSN will be advertised throughout the campus. Successful candidates are offered a scholarship and employment following (a) graduation from a DSN program and (b) passing the NCLEX. For more information, please visit www.iasishealthcare.com.
- Veterans Benefits - Information regarding benefits for Veterans may be obtained at <http://gibill.va.gov/>.
- Yellow Ribbon Program – Additional funds for Veterans are available through the Yellow Ribbon Program. Denver School of Nursing will provide contributions to eligible individuals who apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program and will match up to 50% of the unmet charges. For more information, please go to <http://gibill.va.gov/post-911/post-911-gi-bill-summary/yellow-ribbon-program.html>.
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) VetSuccess Program - The VetSuccess program assists Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. For Veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work, VetSuccess offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. More information about this funding is available at www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre.
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Nursing Scholarship Program - HRSA makes grants to organizations/students to improve and expand healthcare services for underserved people, focusing on healthcare professionals and centers. More information is available at www.HRSA.gov.
- Private Lending Alternative Funding - This option includes funding sources other than Title IV to help students cover tuition and fees. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid department.

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**Note : Adjunct, General Education Faculty and ANIP's vary throughout the year and this list is subject to change at any time.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

The following campus administrators should be consulted to obtain the information listed:

Dean of Education: descriptions of academic programs, faculty information, data on student enrollment and graduation, academic policies and procedures, and credit transfer.

Director of Admissions: policies pertaining to admissions requirements and enrollment.

Business Office Manager: tuition charges, payments, adjustments, and refunds.

Financial Aid Director: descriptions of financial aid programs, rights and responsibilities of financial aid recipients, means and frequency of payments of financial aid recipients, means and frequency of payments of financial aid awards, student loan repayment, and employment provided as financial aid.

Director of Career Services: information pertaining to placement rates and employment opportunities for graduates.

Students may contact any admissions department staff member for copies of consumer information disclosures.

TUITION AND FEES

Please see the chart below for current tuition and fees by program, effective January 1, 2012.

PROGRAM	CREDIT HOUR	Tuition	Enrollment Fee	Instructional Materials Fee	Books/Uniform Charges/ Kits	IT Fees	HESI Testing	Simulation Lab Fee	Graduation Fee	Totals
Associate of Science Degree in Nursing										
ADN	86 Credit Hrs	\$36,980	\$50	\$1,500	\$1,812	\$125	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$42,217
LPN to ADN	46 Credit Hrs	19,780	\$50	\$900	\$1,272	\$75	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$23,827
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing										
BSN-Completion	107 Credit Hrs	\$45,190	\$50	\$1,800	\$2,177	\$150	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$51,117
BSN – Full	197 Credit Hrs	\$73,230	\$50	\$2,400	\$5,378	\$300	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$83,108
RN to BSN	100 Credit Hrs	\$14,940	\$50	\$500	\$2,599	\$125	\$0	\$675	\$150	\$19,039